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I KNEW IF WE LET
HIM PUT A RIG ON THE
RIDING MOWER HE'D
CUT THE LAWN.



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From the President...

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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month at, Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila... 8:00 P.M.

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kc. Ch 3 - 27000 Kc.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kc. Ch 4 - 50.7 Mc.
Scrambled Egg Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime, on Ch ONE
29493 Kc. is monitored, daily, 0830-0001
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila. Area.

Since the President decided to "goof off" this month, your printer takes a firm grip on his little used fountain pen, and tries to give out with words of wisdom and humor. While your printer was sitting around scratching a hole in his head trying to think of something to write about, a thought came to mind...

We have printed many ideas in the "Blurb". Some were on gadgets, others were on transmitters, noise limiters, etc., but of late nothing has been printed along these lines. I am sure all of you have enjoyed these writings as much as I have, and have saved these ideas in a folder, as I have done. However, you all must realize that these ideas originate from only a few in the club, and that it is difficult for only a few to come up with with new ideas every month.

Now the grip on the little used pen gets firmer, as I am not accustomed to setting my thoughts on paper. I imagine it would be equally difficult to many of you, if you tried to get some of your "Ham" ideas down on paper, but I am sure if you, who have an idea, made a valiant effort, you could get a valiant assist from such "BRAINS" as W3QZO, W3IRS, W3HYU, W3NIP, Etc. etc. etc.

de W3WNC

P.S. You get the ideas--get them to the Tech. Editors--and I'll print them.....

THE LATEST SCOOP:

ED has the biggest pile of crying towels for sale you ever did see. All he did was to tell everyone we were cleaning house on the mail list and a deluge of cards descended upon this here QTH (by relative standards that is.) We received the highest mailing in history - and the nice part of it was most fellows had a choice bit to tell— An interesting bit we couldn't pass up came from W9FJI who gives reasons why they no longer swap with other clubs. —W3PXY-George: Just why, OH WHY did you have to do it? Here I am reading your FB Philmont BLURB and now comes a note that it won't be coming any more! But I can't say that I don't blame you at all. After all, it was OK for you fellows to send the BLURB as long as you rec'd the TARS SPARKS in return but when you don't get that at all, it's high time to cut the water off. The piece entitled "Chicken" may explain why you, or no one else gets the SPARKS any more. The present crew just are not at all interested in what other ham clubs do or think. I early learned that out of some 75 members, now down to 55, see why?, only about 6 or 8 would even deign to look at other club bulletins. To his credit, will say that Mac, W9DGA, current editor of SPARKS is interested in all, any idea why he has been SCM, is Al-op, ORS etc etc, but he goes along with the rest who do the sayso and so no papers. So the result is up to you, and want to wish you continued success and prosperity. Have been on 50mcs of late, am in the ARRL-IGY PRP deal, hear many fellows about your area tho none in Pa. Use a Gonset and home made 2 element beam here. The TARS HALFEST will be held in Evansville on Sunday, August 25th, the main prize to be a Hammarlund recvr, the new 110 series, other items also, so if any of the fellows happen to be about, they are more than welcome, YESSIRRE BOB.—BCNU, 73, Fred Sawyer, Fred, W9FJI/A9FJI, MARS RACES RCC (XIII) OES Etc.——— More on the cards later—WELL Field Day was much more of a success this year than last - this time we had a license. The boys and plenty of them showed up to get the antennas in the air the week before. They did a fine job. The 80 & 40 wires were a good 35 feet in the air well guyed etc. And did they work out! With the rig combination we really managed to work out. We clobbered em up in gud shape. We could move right in and swamp out the QRM pretty nearly at will. W3IW & W3KCG held the 80 & 40 down for 7 to 8 hrs. straght on the midnite to 8 shift with W3IW right in there pitching. At the peak capacity they hit nearly 30 contacts per hour. An interesting observation was the way we could clean out the bands. Starting from one end and proceeding every 3 kc to the other end we could rack them all up. Proceeding backwards picked up most of the strays and once again around cleaned out the works. There was no new activity on the air until people got out of bed in A.M. or went on the air for customary afternoon rag chews. So at given points during the day the bands would pick up with completely new activity. Then the boys would proceed to clean them out again. The weather certainly cooperated 100% it must have felt bad since last year. The boys had just the right combination of tents with a day room that was loaded with food. As usual the club worker bees were there to set up and knock down. The drone bees were as usual conspicuous in their absence when the work had to be done. Mathamatically - noise is inversly proportional to work. Plenty noise - no work & viceversa. Emuf of the sour grapes. We could repeat the forgoing every year of our club history and there would always be the few around to fill the bill. We all know PMRC would never make FD without the ole standby Spencer - he works on FD for 3 weeks prior to and after the event. He arrives on the scene with 2 trucks and a trailer loaded with gear. And we mean loaded. Tables, wood, cable, putt putt, gas oil, tanks, ropes etc etc etc. If you were there you will know what we mean. Not much happens until he arrives and the field is just a lot of hay when he leaves. A few weeks back the putt putt was just a trailer bed - and you should have seen the finished product - complete with tarp top, cables, connectors, and instrument panel with cycle and running time meter et al. It sure is a beautiful job. It will be towed behind the Red Truck as soon as W3CCB lines up the insurance - how about it Bob. Of course all the forgoing could not have come about without the able direction of our FD chairman W3Q ZO. Sam was out at the crack of dawn before even the ole ED got there. We can't help marvel at how smoothly the works went off- Everything timed right - and planned. The only thing we forgot was the frying pan & the hamburger flipper but that was taken care of in short order. The folks who owned the farm received a fine gift, presented by Sam-Bob. Many thanks to the gang who pitched in and made the whole

affair a success. Sam will get out a report as soon as he has all the info in. The FD crew and our regrets to those overlooked.

W3Q 20	W3FWI	W3WNC	W3BGR
W3NIP	W3AJO	W3DOU	W3TOZ
W3QQH	W3SGR	W3OEC	W3GPX
W3ATH	W3HQJ	W3DSG	W3PWG
W3IW	W3LNQ	W3VSU	W3IRS
W3KCG		W3OVL	W3YJM

Possibly one of the observations noted was the lack of general interest, outside of the working group. The positions were always filled but there were times when they were just. After a few years of trying it appears we are getting the whole operation greased up pretty well. A real positive improvement would be an assist for W3QQH in preparation. W3VVS was sure missed this year. Incidentally Spence has been trying for about 2 months to get a 20 to 20 gas tank for the krumker. These are not easy to find. Does anyone know where one is. The closest thing we can think of to this size is a poney of beer and of course that would contaminate the gas.—

Transmitter Scores as of June 1, 1957

	W3VVS	W3HYU	W3DFJ	W3DOU	W3IRS	W3QQH
Dec.-	25 (1 R)	15 (2)	10 (3)	5	5	5 (R)
Feb.-	15 (3 R)	5	25 (1)	5	15 (2)	5 (R)
Apr.-	20 (2 R)	5	25 (1)	5	5	5 (R)
Totals	60 points	25	60	15	25	15

W3OWK- 5 (R)

- (1) 1st place
- (2) 2nd place
- (3) 3rd place

R-signifies rider

Tex-Transmitter Hunt Com.

From the cards - W3WNC has switched a 6 volt and 12 volt power supply in two Communicators in order to match his and W3UMK's car voltages. W3WNC has also been doing a little marine radio work.— W3SGR says he has had all kinds of soldering irons but the Pep Boys jobby is a humdinger. \$5.00 instant start, trigger heat, no filing or sanding of tips.— A quickie from W3HYU (one of the few) "Never tell your wife that you are unworthy of her - Let that come later as a surprise."— W3QQH says the St. Davids golf match was a success as usual this year the usual support showed up W3DSG, W3LNQ, W3YJM, W3QQH had the Red Truck out and passed scores at every third tee. — The boys also report the Reliability Run of teenagers and their cars came off in good shape May 11 in Abington Township. The route was unknown, accurate map reading, correct hand signals were all part of it. All hands returned. W3GRY, W3LHR, W3VVS, W3QQH, W3ISE, W3DTH and the Red Truck were there from 12 noon to 4 pm. — At W3DOU's midmonth, the gang chewed around the Powder Puff Derby July 6 to 10. After much discussion a few good leads for YL's to help monitor the bands during the day turned up. — The boys have been giving Sam - Bob a hard time on his upholstered roller skate. Sam had to use kerosene to get the under coat out of his hair. — W3WNC's receiver was putting a s9 noise level into Q20's receiver. - That's the trouble with the latest in transistor rigs you have to put switches in them to shut off - sure is a nuisance. — 10 pm one Sat. The state police called W3CUB on the phone and said to get out to the local station - that was all that was said other than identifying him as a hum. The 3 characters at the house at the time were all set to take off and find out what was going on.

Bill went down the next day to find out that an Olds with a whip on his license plate was going down the Turnpike at about 100 mph plus. Of course Bill put his best honest face on and denied it with proof from the local neighbors. Mistaken identity but it sure had us going for one evening trying to second guess the situation. — Greetings to PMRC, I sure have enjoyed my copies of the BLURB during the past few months. Due to a disagreement with my power mower (I lost a few toes), I have been flat on my back. Have been hard pressed for good reading material and was very glad to receive the June issue. — Am waiting for W3NL to fix me up with a small portable that I can take back to the hospital when I get my skin graft. Will have to get rid of my new 75A4, so if anyone is interested let me know. I plan to take a little trip up to Phila. when I am able to drive again, so keep an ear on 29.493 during July and August. Time for a nap, so best of luck on field day and will cul. 73 Wally — W3WXA (PMRC). — W3CDY suggests a goody — why not make an award for the Mobile in this general area, PMRC or not that has done the most for amateur radio from the mobile point of view. It would do our publicity activities any harm either.

Reference is made to the articles which appeared in the last Blurb. I have been advised by a quasi-reliable source that there has existed considerable unconfirmed and unverified rumor that it is entirely possible, though not necessarily probable, under certain circumstances which may or may not be agreeable to all concerned, one might be lead to believe, assuming that he were gullible enough that such conditions and circumstances as outlined and delineated would be to his considerable advantage, attendant of course, by certain necessary disadvantages which by their very nature would be found to be not necessarily pleasant. 73 Andy.

W3CDY suggests a license plate holder could be made a special design for the club. Since we have plates to last 5 years is the new plans become effective, a plate holder would be useful. Proper planning would bring a nicely done holder within the right price range if the club was taken care of at one time. — We are on record —

June 3, 1957

Federal Communications Commission
Washington 25, D.C.

Docket 11994

Gentlemen:

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, representing over one hundred active amateur mobile radio operators in the Philadelphia area, opposes the Commission's proposed rule making Docket 11994, which would delete the segment 26.96 — 27.23 Mc from the Amateur Service and reassign it to Citizens Radio Service, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed change would reduce the total spectrum available to the Nations' largest radio service, whose ranks are rapidly increasing.
2. The change in allocations would delete the only long range band in which A3 emission and duplex transmission are authorized.
3. Frequencies in this band are currently in use on a net basis by our organization.
4. Amateurs will suffer a personal loss due to obsolescence of equipment designed to operate on these frequencies.
5. We fail to recognize that any other radio service is more deserving of these frequencies, or can put them to better use in the public interest, than the Amateur Service.

In view of the above factors, the membership of this organization requests that the Commission withdraw proposed rule making as contained in Docket 11994.

Sincerely

Robert Thomas W3QZO, Chairman
Frequency Allocations Committee
Phil-mont Mobile Radio Club

New Members-

W3DJV, Fred Kremer is a tool maker and works for the Yarnall Waring Co. He is active on 80 & 40 CW on 6 meters and will be on 6 meter mobile later.

W3ZPP, Charles Stouth lives in Drexel Hill and is a planner and estimator for the Phila Naval Base. He is presently working 10 meter fone.

W3FWI, Arthur G. Lipschutz works as studio and field tech for WRCV-TV and has 10 m. mobile with 30 watts. Art as you may know held up the tent activity end of ED. He located and hauled a brand new 10 man army tent. It was a beaut. Thanks for the assist Art.

W3JIL, Albert B. Rowland lives in Broomall and is an equipment specialist for the US Govt Submarine Supply Office. He has 10 meters on with 100w at home.

Sure glad to have you fellows - The membership activity has been pretty quiet for the last year. Sorry some of you had to wait so long.

Clubs who have seen Every Single Minute of late

Abington Twp. Amateur Radio Asc.
Western Pa. "RACES"
Takoma Amateur Radion Club
Harford Amateur Radion Asc. Inc.
Tacoma Amateur Radion Asc. Inc.
North Jersey Mobile Radio Club
Keystone VHF Club
Penna. State Cd Meeting

Abington Pa.
Warren & Pittsburg Pa.
Takoma, Md.
Aberdeen Md.
Tacoma, Wash.
Newark, N.J.
York, Pa.
State Capitol; Harrisburg, P .

Visitors To the Last Meeting

W6KTO, W1ZWF, K2KRY, W3VNP, W3HHQ, K2ERG, W3FTZ

NIGHT TRANSMITTER HUNT

WEDNESDAY JULY 10 1957

SIGNAL ON THE AIR 8:00 PM

HUNT STARTS 8:10 PM FROM GEORGES HILL

LOCATION OF TRANSMITTER WILL BE ANNOUNCED 10:00 pm

SWAP & SHOP

For Sale

- 1- BC 683 Receiver 27-39 Mc converted to AM, with instruction manual W3QQH \$ 16.50
- 1- Vibrator Supply 6 volt input 270 Volt DC at 90 ma. Basic Mallory Pack with spare-includes xtal spotting circuit on chassis W3QQH \$ 11.00
- 1- Leece-Neville generating system 80 amp. 6v. complete with alternator, rectifier, regulator, ammeter, & installation kit for 1949 Chrysler cars-excellent cond. W3QQH \$ 50.00
- 1- NC 98 On original carton W3ANP \$ 120.00
- 1- 129 T Lyseo Mobile Transmitter W3AHP \$ 20.00

Wanted

- Pair of 250th's Buy or swap W6KTO/3
- 1-coax Relay under 10.00 W3TWQ
- 1-Ham all band receiver suitable for prospective ham W3CCB



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